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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA LEAR JET (PROJECT PORCUPINE)

REF: (A) STATE 36386, (B) ROME 2385, (C) STATE 21328,
(D) STATE 31098, (E) ATHENS 1291

1. RE POSSIBLE STAGING FROM ITALY FOR NASA LEAR JET
PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT PORCUPINE, FOLLOWING FACILITIES ARE
AVAILABLE:

A. BRINDISI/CASALE AIRPORT. FUEL IS JP-1, WHICH IS STILL BEING
USED IN ITALY AT COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS, AVAILABLE
FROM COMMERCIAL DEALERS. POWER CART (MB-1) AVAILABLE.
THERE ARE 3 ITALIAN AIR FORCE HANGARS; SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST.

B. NAPLES CAPODICHINO AIRPORT. FUEL IS JP-5 AVAILABLE FROM
U.S. NAVY. POWER CARTS AVAILABLE. ONLY HANGAR SPACE IS ONE
U.S. NAVY HANGAR FOR WHICH USE SPECIAL PERMISSION MUST BE
OBTAINED THROUGH NAVY CHANNELS. HANGAR SPACE FOR AN EXTENDED
PERIOD IS AT A PREMIUM AND AVAILABILITY FOR 4 WEEK PERIOD WOULD
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UNDOUBTEDLY REQUIRE ORDERS FROM HIGHER NAVY HEADQUARTERS.

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2. AS WE UNDERSTAND FERRY PLANS, NASA AIRCRAFT WILL NOT RPT NOT REFUEL AT ROME BUT AT EITHER BRINDISI (PRIMARY) OR AVIANO (ALTERNATE) BOTH COMING FROM AND RETURNING TO U.S. PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTING OVERFLIGHT/REFUELING CLEARANCE FOR FERRY FLIGHTS AND PERMISSION TO OPERATE FROM BRINDISI OR NAPLES (WITH REFUELING AT CATANIA AS NECESSARY) IN CASE STAGING FROM GREECE IS NOT POSSIBLE, FOR PERIOD MARCH 7 - APRIL 3. SINCE CIVILAVIA, WHICH HANDLES CLEARANCE REQUESTS, DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY, EMBASSY TRANSLATING EXPLANATION OF PROJECT PORCUPINE (TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST) INTO ITALIAN. COPY OF CLEARANCE/OPERATING REQUEST, WHICH WILL BE FILED FEBRUARY 19, WILL BE PROVIDED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NFA).

4. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES SOME DELAY IN RESPONSE FROM CIVILAVIA, AS THEY WILL WISH TO CONSULT WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOI AGENCIES (NFA AND MINISTRY DEFENSE).VOLPE

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